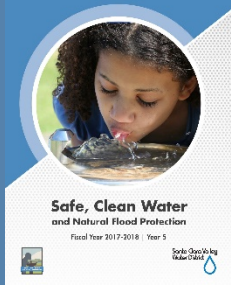




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Subject:	Comment:	Staff Response:
Grants Programs	<p>Recommendation included in the IMC letter to the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure a well-run grant program for both Staff and the Grantees, the Board should ensure staffing is at a level to process grants in a timely manner and a reasonable Staff workload. 	<p>Staff agrees with the IMC's recommendation to ensure the grants program is staffed to meet the increasing workload. This aligns with the recommendations from the Grants Management Performance Audit, which was conducted in FY21, to "right-size" the grants management processes and procedures. Management is assessing the recommendations from the auditor and the IMC and will incorporate them into the grants program as part of the redesign under the new Measure S funding.</p>
Impacts of COVID-19	<p>Recommendations included in the IMC letter to the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include in the next annual report, high-level examples of COVID-19's impact on the work done by Valley Water, including contractors and partners. 	<p>Staff agrees and will include the requested information in the FY21 annual report, including high-level examples of COVID-19 impacts on work done by Valley Water.</p>

Encampments	<p>The IMC strongly supported work currently underway by staff to find solutions to address biohazards in encampments, including containment, cleanup and collection of feces and waste. Recommendation included in the IMC letter to the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In future reports, identify the revegetation areas restored by Valley Water that will require additional restoration efforts due to encampment impacts. 	<p>Staff agrees and will identify in future reports the restored revegetation areas requiring additional restoration efforts due to encampment impacts.</p>
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Subject:	Comment:	Staff Response:
Report Format	<p>Recommendations included in the IMC letter to the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed projects for CSC, SCW, and Measure S should be tabbed at the back of the report with project description, KPIs, year completed, original costs, and final costs. Provide links for more detailed information. 	<p>Staff agrees. In future reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed projects will be tabbed at the back of the report. Links will be provided for more detailed information.
Measure S IMC	<p>Recommendations included in the IMC letter to the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board consider appointing at least 5 current SCW IMC members to the new IMC for Measure S. Encourage staff to use the existing report format for the first report from the Measure S IMC. 	<p>Staff agrees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff is working with the Board of Directors to approve appointing at least five (5) of the current IMC Members to the Renewed IMC. Staff will use the existing report format for the first report from Measure S IMC.



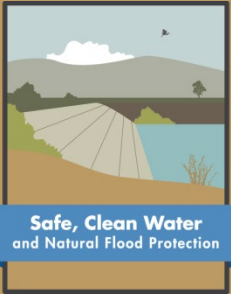
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Priority A
Ensure a Safe, Reliable Water Supply

Project:		Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
A1	Main Avenue and Madrone Pipelines Restoration	Completed	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
A2	Safe, Clean Water Partnerships and Grants	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
A3	Pipeline Reliability Project	Adjusted	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.



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Priority B
Reduce Toxins, Hazards and Contaminants in our Waterways**

Project:		Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
B1	Impaired Water Bodies Improvement	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
B2	Interagency Urban Runoff Program	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
B3	Pollution Prevention Partnerships and Grants	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
B4	Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
B5	Hazardous Materials Management and Response	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
B6	Good Neighbor Program: Remove Graffiti and Litter	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
B7	Support Volunteer Cleanup Efforts and Education	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.



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Priority C
Protect our Water Supply from Earthquakes and Natural Disasters**

Project:		Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
C1	Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
C2	Emergency Response Upgrades	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.



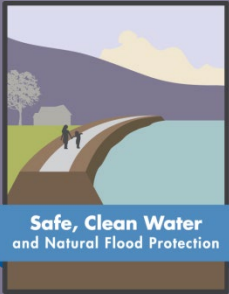
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Priority D
Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Open Space**

Project:		Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
D1	Management of Revegetation Projects	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
D2	Revitalize Stream, Upland and Wetland Habitat	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
D3	Grants and Partnerships to Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Access to Trails	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
D4	Fish Habitat and Passage Improvement	Adjusted	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
D5	Ecological Data Collection and Analysis	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
D6	Creek Restoration and Stabilization	Adjusted	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
D7	Partnerships for the Conservation of Habitat Lands	Completed	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.



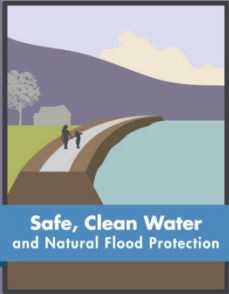
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Priority D
Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Open Space**

Project:		Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
D8	South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Partnership	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.



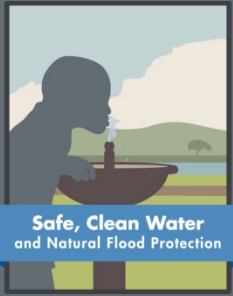
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Priority E
Provide Flood Protection to Homes, Businesses, Schools and Highways**

Project:		Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
E1	Vegetation Control and Sediment Removal for Flood Protection	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
E2	Emergency Response Planning	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
E3	Flood Risk Reduction Studies	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
E4	Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection Coyote Creek to Dorel Drive – San José	Adjusted	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.



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Priority E
Provide Flood Protection to Homes, Businesses, Schools and Highways

Project:		Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
E5	San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection San Francisco Bay to Middlefield Road – Palo Alto	Adjusted	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
E6	Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Buena Vista Avenue to Wright Avenue – Morgan Hill, San Martin, Gilroy	Modified	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
E7	San Francisco Bay Shoreline Protection Milpitas, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San José, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
E8	Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection Highway 280 to Blossom Hill Road – San José	Adjusted	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.



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Project:	Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
Permanente Creek Flood Protection San Francisco Bay to Foothill Expressway – Mountain View	Adjusted	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
Sunnyvale East and Sunnyvale West Channel Flood Protection San Francisco Bay to Inverness Way and Almanor Avenue – Sunnyvale	Adjusted	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
Berryessa Creek Flood Protection Calaveras Boulevard to Interstate 680 – Milpitas and San José	Completed	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
Coyote Creek Flood Protection Montague Expressway to Tully Road – San José	Adjusted	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
Calabazas Creek Flood Protection Miller Avenue to Wardell Road	Completed	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
Clean, Safe Creeks Grants Projects	Completed	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.



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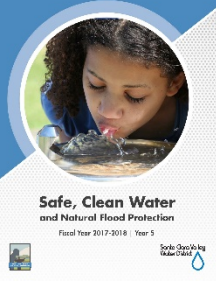
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Subject:	Comment:	Staff Response:
Weblinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create shorter hyperlinks. 	Staff agrees and will create shorter hyperlinks.
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In projects with more than one Valley Water funding source, include a graph or a pie chart showing the Valley Water funding sources. 	Staff agrees. Future reports will include an infographic for projects with more than one Valley Water funding source to show the different Valley Water funding sources.
5-Year Implementation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When referencing the 5-Year Implementation Plan, identify the year range. 	Staff Agrees. Future reports will identify the year range when referencing the 5-Year Implementation Plan.
Anticipated milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instead of projecting a specific month for anticipated milestones, identify the fiscal year. 	Staff agrees. In future reports, anticipated milestones will be identified by the fiscal and not a specific month.



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Subject:	Comment:	Staff Response:
Financial Appendices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the beginning of the financial appendices section, introduce a summary page highlighting what is being shared with the community in these appendices. • Renumber Appendix A: Annual Financial Summary and Appendix A: Cumulative Financial Summary tables as A-1.1 and A-1.2, respectively • In Appendix A: Annual Financial Summary table, create distinct columns to show 'Budget Adjustment' and 'Carryforward'. • In Appendix A-1.2: Cumulative Financial Summary table: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Modify the header of the last column to reflect that the comparison is with the 15-Year Adjusted Plan. ◦ Clarify that the "Current 15-year Forecast" is a staff forecast on which the Board has not taken any action. ◦ Footnote 6 about Currently Authorized Project Reserves should include a reference to the Appendix A-2.1 Currently Authorized Project Reserves table. • In Appendix A-2.1: Currently Authorized Project Reserves table, modify headers to communicate more clearly. 	Staff agrees with all the suggested improvements and these will be reflected in future reports.



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Subject:	Comment:	Staff Response:
C2: Emergency Response Upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make the website more user-friendly so rainfall data can be easily accessed and give a quick demonstration to the IMC. 	Staff agrees and is currently updating the website to make the Automated Local Evaluation in Real Time (ALERT) system more user friendly and accessible. It is currently being beta tested (https://alert.valleywater.org/) and staff will be able to provide IMC an update at the IMC Kick Off Meeting for the review of FY21 annual report, which is expected to be held in early December this year.
D1: Management of Revegetation Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide link to the reports to regulatory agencies that document the success of the projects. Develop a graphic depicting the projected cumulative acres requiring maintenance in future years as more projects are completed. 	Staff agrees. Future annual reports will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links to the Valley Water reports to regulatory agencies documenting the success of revegetation projects. An infographic showing the projected cumulative acres requiring maintenance.
E3: Flood Risk Reduction Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include information on how flood studies conducted under this project are used in other Valley Water projects. 	Staff agrees and will include in future reports how studies under this project are used in other Valley Water projects.
E5: San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection (San Francisco Bay to Middlefield Road - Palo Alto)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In FY21 annual report, include the projection for the budget shortfall and brief description of the strategy to address it. 	Staff agrees and the FY21 annual report will include the projected project budget shortfall and the strategy to address it.